

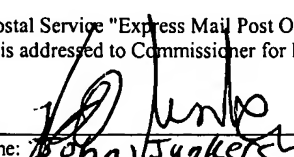


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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2005, the date for timely reply being extended two months to expire on August 28, 2005, Applicants timely submit the following Amendment. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes in the Appendix.

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**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.